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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT : ROC ACTION ON REFUGEES

REF: (A) TAIPEI 1763, (B) STATE 069361, (C) TAIPEI 1497

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT WAS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY TODAY
WITH REGARD TO AMBASSADOR UNGER'S DEMARCHE. COMMENTS
FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

2. QUOTE. "1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFERS
TO THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN H.E. AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER
AND H.E. MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN AT THE MINISTRY ON
JANUARY 30, 1978, CONCERNING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES,
ESPECIALLY BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

"2. AS STATED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA HAS DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES. IN SPITE OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES AT ITS
DISPOSAL, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS MADE GREAT EFFORTS
IN THE RELIEF, RESCUE OR RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES, THE DATA OF WHICH WERE PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY
IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1978.

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"3. IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS DECIDED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING
MEASURES CONCERNING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES:

"A. TEMPORARY SHELTER WILL BE GIVEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF REFUGEES:

"(1). REFUGEES ARRIVED AT TAIWAN BY SMALL BOATS;
"(2). REFUGEES PICKED UP AT SEA BY CHINESE SHIP OR
BOATS; AND

"(3). INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN PICKED UP AT
SEA BY FOREIGN SHIPS WITH ONE OF THE PORTS OF THE PROVINCE
OF TAIWAN SCHEDULED AS THE FIRST PORT TO CALL.

"B. A RECEPTION CENTER FOR REFUGEES IS TO BE SET UP AT
THE HSIAO LIU CHIU ISLAND.

"C. APPLICATIONS BY INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN
IN THAILAND FOR ADMISSION TO TAIWAN ARE TO BE PROCESSED
INDIVIDUALLY.

"4. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA TO CONTINUE ITS ASSISTANCE IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF
THOSE REFUGEES WHO WISH TO PROCEED TO THE UNITED STATES OR
OTHER DESTINATIONS.

"5. WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE MATTERS CONCERNING
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RAISED BY THE EMBASSY IN A LETTER
DATED MARCH 22, 1978, THE MINISTRY WISHES TO STATE AS
FOLLOWS:
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"A. THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS
COMMITTEE, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF
SELECTING AND REPATRIATING CHINESE REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM
TOTTALLING ABOUT 2,000 BY AIR OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.
BOAT CASE REFUGEES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY.

"B. ALL BOAT CASE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN WHO ARRIVE IN
TAIWAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO RESETTLE IN THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, IF THEY SO WISH.

"C. THERE IS NO POLICY CHANGE INSOFAR AS CHINESE PASSPORT
AND ENTRY PERMIT ARE CONCERNED. FOR SECURITY REASONS,
PERSONS FROM COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHO WISH TO
COME TO TAIWAN ARE LIMITED TO THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED FOR AT
LEAST FIVE YEARS IN A NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY. OF COURSE,
EXCEPTIONAL CASES CAN BE CONSIDERED THROUGH A PROCESS OF
SPECIAL CLEARANCE.

"D. THE ADMISSION OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, INCLUDING
REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN, ARE CONFINED TO THE FOUR
CATEGORIES SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPHS A. (1),
(2), (3) AND C. OF PARAGRAPH 3. FOR REFUGEES IN THAILAND,

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY, TOGETHER WITH APPLICANTS PERSONAL DATA, SPONSORSHIP, ADDRESS OF CLOSE RELATIVES IN TAIWAN, ETC., MAY BE FILED AT THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE, CHINESE AIRLINES LTD., 10TH FL., 140 WIT THAYA ROAD, BANGKOK.

"E. THOSE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN IN THAILAND, INCLUDING BOAT CASE OR LAND CAMP REFUGEES, WHO WISH TO COME TO TAIWAN SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SUBPARA-
GRAPH D." CLOSE QUOTE.

3. CORRECTION: PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE QUOTE SHOULD READ
"...IN THE RELIEF, RESCUE OR RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES, ..."

4. CORRECTION: PARAGRAPH 1 SHOULD READ "THE FOLLOWING
TEXT WAS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY APRIL 3..." UNGER

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